# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF POOR QUALITY FOODGRAINS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India procured rice from private millers containing high percentage of broken, discoloured, damaged and dehusked grain which could not be issued under Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the loss suffered therein; and

(c) the details of the officers held responsible for the lapse alongwith the action taken against them?

## Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHARAD PAWAR )

(a) & (b): Stray incidences of procurement of Beyond Rejection Level (BRL) rice has taken place due to error of judgement on the part of the field officers/officials and also due to connivance of unscrupulous officials with millers. 0.29 lakh MTs, comprising 0.22 lakh MTs in Punjab, 0.06 lakh MTs in Haryana and 0.004 lakh MTs in UP regions have been detected as BRL rice during Kharif Marketing Season 2005-06. The quantum of BRL rice as compared to the total procurement of 239 lakh MTs rice as on 15.5.2006, works out to 0.12% of the total procurement. The entire stocks found BRL in Punjab has since been replaced with sound stocks of rice from the concerned millers. In case of Haryana the stocks found BRL have been either replaced from the concerned millers or proportionate recovery corresponding to the refractions found beyond specifications have been effected from delinquent officers/officials of FCI. In the case of UP region, disciplinary action stands taken against the delinquents. As such, there is no loss caused to the FCI.

(c): For accepting the above mentioned beyond specification stocks of rice, 160 category II officers and 160 category III officers have been implicated and disciplinary action has been initiated against them.